

To: Steve Smith, Chair
Members Sandy City Council
From: Submitted: Dan Hartman, governance consultant Mountain Accord/Central Wasatch Commission
Subject: Briefing Summary for Work Meeting Agenda Item for August 9, 2016:
"Mountain Accord to Central Wasatch Commission"
Date: August 5, 2016

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The Central Wasatch Mountains are a critical resource for the State of Utah. This wonderful treasure lies on the East Boundary of Salt Lake County and West Boundary of Summit County. It encompasses a sensitive watershed, unrivaled recreation opportunities, significant economic drivers and unique natural beauty. For decades, individuals and institutions have tried to agree on a balanced approach to canyon and mountain management practices without substantial joint agreement.

Beginning in mid-2013, dozens of stakeholders – individuals, recreationists, conservationists, ski resorts, political jurisdictions local, state and federal, activists and users of all kinds – began meeting. Initially, they agreed on a Phase I Funding Agreement to start the process of achieving an agreement of common goals to protect, use and preserve the Central Wasatch. A state donation of \$2,600,000 was matched by local government contributions of \$1,075,000. The first funding plan was called the Wasatch Summit Phase I.

In February of 2014 these entities developed a Mountain Accord Program Charter to formalize their collaborative goals. The Program Charter established consensus goals to ensure protection of the watershed; enhance regional transportation values and plans; preservation of the environment and natural assets; strengthen the regional economy, and ensure high quality recreational experiences. An Executive Committee was formed including Sandy City Mayor Tom Dolan, and consisted of representatives from two counties, six cities or towns, state government, the Legislature, federal government agencies, and private entities.

As efforts continued, this collaborative process resulted in **The Accord**, dated July 13, 2015, (a copy of which has been included in your packet), was signed by some 82 individuals including Mayor Dolan, Governor Herbert, President Wayne Niederhauser, other legislators, Mayor McAdams and many other elected officials, individuals and public agencies. Additional funding was obtained with another Interlocal funding agreement, Mountain Accord Phase II, dated April 15, 2015, which the Sandy City Council approved and has budgeted in FYE 2015, 2016 and 2017. This funding agreement included a State of Utah contribution of \$3,000,000 in the form of a Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) grant and included a pledge of approximately \$1,000,000 a year from local entities for whom the future of the Central Wasatch was deemed to be a critical issue.

Neither the Program Charter of 2014 or The Accord, July 13, 2015 created a legal entity. At best these were a joint venture of a variety of different individuals, institutions, municipalities, counties, federal government agencies, state government, and private entities. At the recommendation of Mayor Dolan, the decision was made to transition to an officially organized Interlocal entity.

The new entity, a regional Interlocal entity (**whose creation is found in the Commission ILA #1**) being formed under Utah Code Annotated 13, Chapter 11, will be known as the Central Wasatch Commission and is being organized by four founding members – Sandy City, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and Cottonwood Heights City. The Interlocal Agreement (the "ILA") has been approved in concept by the Mayors, legal staff and key staff members of all four entities mentioned above. **An Assignment Agreement (Assignment Agreement ILA #2)** has also been developed and approved conceptually by the Mayors, legal staff and key staff members of all four entities mentioned above that renews the pledges of each local funding partner and assigns those contributions and pledges to the new Commission.

TABLE 1 – Assignment ILA

| Parties | Amount Pledged | Amount Paid for 2015 | Remaining Pledge for 2016 - 2017 |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cottonwood Heights | \$150,000 | \$50,000 | \$100,000 |
| Draper | 180,000 | 60,000 | 120,000 |
| MWDSLS | 300,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| Park City | 300,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| Sandy | 300,000 | 100,000 | 200,000 |
| SLC | 600,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 |
| Salt Lake County | 600,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 |
| Summit County | 150,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| Alta | 45,000 | 15,000 | 30,000 |
| UDOT | 150,000 | 50,000 | 100,000 |
| UTA | 600,000 | 0* | 600,000* |
| Totals | \$3,375,000 | \$925,000 | \$2,450,000 |